

Health System in thanking and congratulating them for their decades of service, commitment to excellence in healthcare, and their dedication of the new South Tower of Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BEN CLINE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I missed a vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 168.

APPRECIATING HUNGARIAN PATRIOT MICHAEL KOVÁTS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, this week on May 10th a Marker Dedication Ceremony was held in Charleston, South Carolina, for Michael Kováts de Fabricy, the Founding Father of the United States Calvary.

Michael Kováts de Fabricy was a Hungarian nobleman and accomplished officer in the Prussian Calvary. He was a retired Hussar major in the Austro-Hungarian army. Upon learning of the American Revolution, he wrote on January 17, 1777, to American Ambassador to France, Benjamin Franklin, to volunteer his services and pledged himself "faithful unto death."

Kováts was appointed colonel commandant of Pulaski's Legion in the Continental Army in 1778. He recruited, trained, and led what became the first U.S. Calvary unit. He was the highest-ranking Hungarian military officer in the American Revolutionary War. Kováts was killed on May 11, 1779, while leading an assault on British troops in Charleston, South Carolina. He remained true to his word and was loyal and faithful to American freedom to his death.

The Dedication Ceremony was appropriately at The Old Exchange Building coordinated by Director Tony Youmans. In the American Revolution British tea was seized and stored at the Exchange Building basement then sold to finance the Revolution and not thrown into the harbor. The Color Guard of the venerated Washington Light Infantry was provided by Major General Henry Siegling, Commander, and Colonel Myron C. Herrington, Historian and Secretary. The Washington Light Infantry is a military and social organization founded in 1807 as one of the oldest in America.

The Dedication and Unveiling was conducted by National Society Daughters of American Revolution President General Denise Doring VanBuren.

It was extraordinary Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Hungary, Magor Ernyei delivered remarks at the event and highlighting that there is a statue of Michael Kováts in Washington outside the Embassy of Hungary. Clearly there is great affection in South Carolina for the people of Hungary. We will always cherish the courage of Hungarians to oppose

the Soviet Tank Invasion of 1956 just as we support the people of Ukraine to oppose the Putin Tank Invasion of 2022.

Program participants in the service and assisted in this event from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution: Bonnibel Moffat, South Carolina State Regent; Nancy Herritage, State Historian; Laura Kessler, Historian General; Pamela Bork, Chaplain General; Cynthia Sweeney, Librarian General; Janet Whittington, Curator General; Elizabeth Billham, Vice President General; and Pat Kinard, Regent of the Rebecca Motte Chapter.

RECOGNIZING MRS. CAROL TAYLOR

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Carol Taylor for her fifty-year career as a teacher and congratulate her on her retirement.

Mrs. Taylor began teaching in Orange County in 1965. After five years in Southern California, she moved to the Central Valley, beginning as a teacher at Terra Bella Elementary School. After a brief stint in Montana, Mrs. Taylor returned to Terra Bella in 1987 where she has been teaching ever since.

Over the course of her career, Mrs. Taylor has taught thousands of children, ranging from pre-school to 4th grade. Through her dedication to her students, she was able to provide the educational foundation necessary for these children to succeed in both school and in life. Many of her former students have gone on to be successful members our Central Valley community, with some even becoming teachers themselves.

Mrs. Taylor plans to spend her well-earned retirement traveling the country, visiting friends and family, and spending time with her grandchildren. On behalf of everyone in California's 21st congressional district, I would like to thank her for fifty years of service to our community and wish her a long and happy retirement.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the career of Mrs. Carol Taylor, a fixture in our community and an inspiration to us all.

IN RECOGNITION OF DETECTIVE CHRIS VAUGHN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary work of Detective Chris Vaughn as she retires from a life of public service. She served the communities of Plano, Texas and The Colony, Texas as a dispatcher and police officer for over 25 years.

Detective Chris Vaughn grew up in Loveland, Colorado where she graduated from high school in 1983. She moved to Plano, Texas in 1991 and worked various jobs before being hired in 1994 by the City of Plano as a

PD/FD/EMD Dispatcher. In 1995, Detective Vaughn was hired by the Plano Police Department. She attended the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Police Academy and was elected by her class to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer.

In May 1997, Detective Vaughn was hired by The Colony Police Department where she served as a patrol officer for several years. She was selected to be the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Instructor and worked with students in The Colony. During her time in patrol, Detective Vaughn earned her Intermediate Peace Officer, Advanced Peace Officer, and Master Peace Officer Certifications. She was a Field Training Officer, Intoxilyzer Operator, and a Sexual Assault Family Violence Investigator Course (SAFVIC) certified family violence investigator.

In June 2013, Detective Vaughn was selected to make a lateral move into the Criminal Investigation Division. She solved two missing juvenile cold cases early in her tenure as a detective. Since then, she has successfully investigated many major cases where her work directly resulted in suspects receiving prison sentences ranging from 25 to 70 years. Off-duty, she has volunteered on multiple events at the Children's Advocacy Center. Throughout her life, she has been passionate about photography and has recently started a photography business.

In total, Detective Vaughn has faithfully served and protected North Texas citizenry and businesses for more than two and a half decades. She has selflessly put others' safety above her own, and I am deeply grateful for her exemplary service to our community and state. I wish Detective Vaughn the best in her retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call No. 152, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass bill (S.66) South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act, I would have voted YEA;

Roll Call No. 153, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended bill (H.R. 7077) Empowering the U.S. Fire Administration Act, I would have voted YES;

Roll Call No. 154, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended bill (H.R. 1437) PRECIP Act, I would have voted YES;

Roll Call No. 155, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass bill (S.1872) United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act, I would have voted YEA;

Roll Call No. 156, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended bill (H.R. 5911) Fair Hiring in Banking Act, I would have voted YES;

Roll Call No. 157, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended bill (H.R. 5914) Empowering States to Protect Seniors from Bad Actors Act, I would have voted NO;

Roll Call No. 158, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended bill

(H.R.935) Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act, I would have voted YEA; and on

Roll Call No. 159 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended bill (H.R.7066) Russia and Belarus Financial Sanctions Act, I would have voted YEA.

HONORING SGT. NICK TULLIER

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, our hearts are heavy. Nearly six years ago, there was an attack on our community.

The attack was designed to be divisive—to rip our community apart. It did not work. Evil was overcome by the goodness—the Godliness—in our community, our state and the nation. Evil did not take hold.

Rather, we came together to support the six peacekeepers shot in the line of duty after answering the call.

The reports on Deputy Nick Tullier were not good. We heard over and over again from the doctors and nurses, that he wouldn't make it another hour, another day, another week—that he couldn't make it. None of them knew Nick. He had more work to do, or as the men and women in blue refer to it, it was not yet the "end of watch" for Nick.

At Tiger Stadium the other night, Garth Brooks put it another way: Nick "had more dance to share." God had more work for Nick to do here on earth.

Against all odds, Nick fought like hell for 2,119 days. He was absolutely immersed in the love of his family, old friends, new friends and complete strangers. Blue and black bracelets labeled "Pray for Nick" or "Nick Tullier Strong" popped up all over. Even President Trump signed onto to "Team Nick."

God has now summoned Deputy Tullier among the peacekeepers that have finished their last call. He's on a different patrol with Corp. Montrell Jackson, BRPD, Officer Matthew Gerald, and Deputy Brad Garafola, EBRSO.

Mary and James' constant presence and endurance demonstrated the boundless and unending love of a mother and father. Nick knows he was loved and countless parents in our community and around the world are inspired by their overflowing love and support of their son.

Trenton and Gage's father's two decades wearing the badge made our community safer. He certainly did not do it for the money. Our community benefited from his sacrifice. Nick's life embodies a servant's heart. They should be inspired by the life he lived as a peacekeeper.

Jamie and Shannon's brother was a machine. His physical workouts and fitness were impressive. I can only guess that he must have beat the heck out of them growing up. I hope they cherish those memories of the time growing up with their brother and don't make him come back and knock them in line again. Seriously, they are charged with ensuring Nick's passing does not create a void on earth.

I hope that all of Nick's family, friends and supporters know that his legacy will be felt be-

yond his time among us. On July 17, 2016 and the weeks following, we did not allow evil to take hold. Rather than giving in, we came together and rose up. We united against evil and came together for what was good and what was right. Much of that coming together has died down or subsided for us.

For the past six years, Nick's fight never died. Every day, with the support of his family, he continued. He persevered.

Just because Nick returned to the Father, just because it is the end of watch for Nick Tullier—the fight is not over.

Nick taught us that we can overcome all odds. Nick made clear that miracles are possible. Just as we united against the forces of evil six years ago, we can continue to be inspired by Nick's enormous heart. We can be inspired by his parent's incredible dedication.

Let us honor Nick by continuing to work together against the evil that is trying to take hold, trying to get traction in our community. Let's rise up and support our peacekeepers, back the blue—and, Sheriff Gautreaux, the green too. We are better than this.

Garth Brooks went on to sing that, "I could have missed the pain, but I'da had to miss the dance." As tough as today is, anyone that came into to contact with Nick would agree that the dance was worth it.

Louisiana and America would be less safe without our men and women in blue.

We will remain Nick Tullier Strong. God bless.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROY E. BREWER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Roy E. Brewer for his thirty-six years of dedication to the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce (Metro Chamber) and his contributions to the Greater Sacramento area. As the Metro Chamber celebrates fifty years of their Capitol-to-Capitol (Cap-to-Cap) program, I ask all my colleagues to stand with me to honor Mr. Brewer.

Mr. Brewer is a founding partner of Brewer Lofgren LLP Attorneys at Law. He received his Juris Doctor at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 1982; spending his early college years at the University of Florida where he earned both a Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Mr. Brewer applied his education as a land use attorney in the Sacramento area. Mr. Brewer is a trusted advocate at the local, state and federal levels on many public policy issues.

Mr. Brewer, the current Board Chair of KVIE-PBS for Northern California, has spent many decades in community engagement. He is a Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum, Mountain Valley Chapter, and was the Board Chair in 2010 through 2011. He has also been the Chair of the Capital Campaign for the Los Rios Community College District, the Chair of Leadership Sacramento, the President of the American River Natural History Association, and the President of the Northern California Rugby Football Union.

In 1990, Mr. Brewer served as President of the Sacramento Metro Chamber, lending his

dedication and expertise to the organization. His leadership within the Metro Chamber has brought businesses together and has furthered economic prosperity throughout the Sacramento region. In 1991, he was honored as the Metro Chamber's Sacramentan of the Year, a much-deserved recognition. Today, he continues his commitment and enthusiasm through the annual Cap-to-Cap event in Washington, D.C. This event would not be what it is without his leadership.

Madam Speaker, as Members of the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce celebrate Mr. Brewer, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his legacy of service to the Sacramento region.

HONORING DR. ERIC WITHERSPOON

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Eric Witherspoon, who is retiring after 16 years of extraordinary leadership as Superintendent of Evanston Township High School (ETHS) District 202.

Dr. Witherspoon has been superintendent of ETHS District 202 since July 2006. Previously he served as Superintendent in Des Moines, Iowa; Indianapolis, Indiana and Hobart, Indiana. He began his career as a high-school English teacher and director of the high school gifted education program at Crown Point High School in Indiana.

At ETHS, Dr. Witherspoon focused on equity and having high expectations for all students. He enabled students to have opportunities to take more honors and advanced-placement classes during their four years of high school. Dr. Witherspoon also focused on the importance of reading as a pathway to education by bolstering student resources.

Dr. Witherspoon implemented a comprehensive system of academic and social/emotional supports to help students to succeed in school. And he has renewed the focus on professional development for staff. He also created programs and partnerships with Northwestern University and Oakton Community College and expanded career and technical education opportunities for ETHS students.

ETHS launched a long-term strategic initiative to upgrade the entire campus under Dr. Witherspoon's leadership. Many of the school's athletic facilities have been enhanced, and facility upgrades include the planetarium, Geometry in Construction house-building site, science labs, a research and theory center, auto technology, advanced manufacturing, Project Lead the Way Engineering, and the culinary, ceramics and pottery programs.

Under Dr. Witherspoon's leadership, academic achievement and the graduation rate at ETHS have increased. ACT results reached the highest in the history of ETHS for nine consecutive years, and ETHS is now recognized by U.S. News and World Reports as well as the Washington Post as ranking in the top 2-3 percent of all high schools in the nation. Dr. Witherspoon also helped to build the ETHS Educational Foundation, an organization focused on raising funds to further enhance ETHS for all students, teachers and staff.